

General Certificate of Secondary Education
Religious Studies (World Religions)
Sikhism 2
Specimen Paper

B582

Time: 1 hour

Candidates answer on the question paper.

Additional materials: none

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the boxes above.
- Use black ink only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer any **TWO** questions; you must answer all parts (a-c) of the two questions that you choose.
- Do not write in the bar codes.
- Do not write outside the box bordering each page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks for each question is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **48**.
- Quality of written communication is assessed throughout the paper
- Should you need more space to write your answers there is an extra page at the end of the paper.
- If you need to use this extra page you must number your answers clearly.

This document consists of **8** printed pages.

Answer **TWO** questions (a, b and c parts should be answered for **each** question).

- 1 (a)** Describe how the Guru Granth Sahib Ji is made up.

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- (b)** Explain why the Guru Granth Sahib Ji is important for Sikhs.

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(c) 'Religious people need a sacred text.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Sikhism in your answer

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2 (a) What happens at a Sikh marriage ceremony?

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(b) Explain why marriage is important for Sikhs today.

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- (c)** 'It is very important that children are brought up to follow their religion.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Sikhism in your answer

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3 (a) Describe the main features of a gurdwara.

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(b) Explain how worshipping together in a gurdwara might strengthen the faith of the Sikh community.

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- (c)** ‘Worship at home is more important than worship in the gurdwara.’

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Sikhism in your answer

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Extra Answer Space

Clearly label which question you are answering.

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Question Number	Answer	Max Mark
1(a)	<p>Describe how the Guru Granth Sahib Ji is made up.</p> <p>Candidates may describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> information on the origins of the Guru Granth Sahib Ji; divine word; Guru Arjan prepared the book which was eventually known as Adi Granth; Writings of the first five Gurus, the ninth, some Sikh bards and the bhagat bani. 	[6]
1(b)	<p>Explain why the Guru Granth Sahib Ji is important for Sikhs.</p> <p>Candidates may include explanation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Guru Granth Sahib Ji is important because it contains the teachings of some of the Gurus; it is the focal point of worship and ethical guidance; Guru Gobind Singh said that, after his death, the Guru Granth Sahib Ji should be regarded as his successor as there would not be any more human gurus; Important events in the lives of the community, families and individuals focus on the scripture. 	[6]
1(c)	<p>‘Religious people need a sacred text.’</p> <p>Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Sikhism in your answer</p> <p>It is important that answers consider what is special about a sacred text and how this relates to Sikhism.</p> <p>Answers may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> comparison of the role of the Guru Granth Sahib Ji with that of another sacred text in another faith; religions such as paganism do not have sacred texts. 	[12]
Question Total		[24]
2(a)	<p>What happens at a Sikh marriage ceremony?</p> <p>Answers may include some of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the ceremony itself begins with the singing of the morning hymn Asa di var and the Ardas; any Sikh may officiate at a wedding; the person officiating explains to the couple the Sikh ideal of marriage as not just a social contract but a joining together of two souls; the bride and groom bow to the Guru Granth Sahib Ji showing that they consent to be married and to spend the rest of their lives supporting one another in a spiritual journey; the father of the bride sometimes places a garland of flowers over the 	[6]

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<p>2(b)</p> <p>2(c)</p>	<p> holy book; • the father of the bride passes one end of the groom's scarf to the bride as a sign that she is now leaving her father and joining her new husband. </p> <p>Explain why marriage is important for Sikhs today.</p> <p>Candidates may explain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • marriage is very important in Sikhism; • a marriage is seen as the uniting of two families and it is important that families can get along with each other; • for a marriage to be acceptable it is essential that many members of both families assent to it; • some marriages are arranged but the couple both have the right to reject the partner chosen for them; • forced marriages are against the Sikh code of ethics. <p>'It is very important that children are brought up to follow their religion.'</p> <p>Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Sikhism in your answer</p> <p>Candidates may consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consider the possible effects of bringing up a child in the faith. Most of these are likely to be positive; • children should be left to decide for themselves or that too much pressure may lead them to reject the faith later; • it is not birth that makes a sikh, but illumination and a way of life • Sikhism endorses and teaches a way of life committed to the service of other people; • Initiation into Sikhism has no age restriction – people should be ready spiritually to follow the Khalsa code. 	<p>[6]</p> <p>[12]</p>
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3(a)	<p>Describe the main features of a gurdwara.</p> <p>Answers may describe the main features such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Guru Granth Sahib Ji; • the dais; • chanani [canopy]; • chauri [fan]; • Khanda [symbol of Sikhism]; • Nishan Sahib [flag]; • langar. 	[6]

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3(b)	<p>Explain how worshipping together in a gurdwara might strengthen the faith of the Sikh community.</p> <p>Candidates may explain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how worship in the gurdwara involves shared prayer and singing and that this will strengthen the faith of the community; • focus on the importance of the langar. • this emphasises the core teaching of equality as well as an opportunity for sewa. 	[6]
3(c)	<p>‘Worship at home is more important than worship in the gurdwara.’</p> <p>Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Sikhism in your answer</p> <p>Answers may consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the statement is true because worship at home can take place every day whereas, for most Sikhs, worship in the gurdwara is once a week; • Gurprubs are largely celebrated in the gurdwara; • the Akhand Path is read in the gurdwara; • using the langar is part of worship. 	[12]
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Assessment Objectives Grid (includes QWC)

Question	AO1	AO2	Total
1(a)	6		6
1(b)	6		6
1(c)		12	12
2(a)	6		6
2(b)	6		6
2(c)		12	12
3(a)	6		6
3(b)	6		6
3(c)		12	12
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